

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Ex Parte Quayle action which closed prosecution on the merits, except for the formal matters addressed therein. By the present amendment, the application is now in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same would be greatly appreciate.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-18 are allowed in connection with the present application. In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided in the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated October 24, 2005, Applicants submit the following comments:

The Examiner offers reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claim limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either individually or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the inter-relationships and inter-connections between the various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record and not the Examiner's paraphrasing of the claimed features.

Objections to the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings because the reference characters of Figs. 1-9 are not legible. Applicant has provided replacement Figs. 1-9 wherein the reference characters of the figures are clearly legible.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding objection.

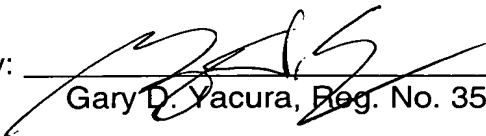
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of each of claims 1-18.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached Figs. 1-9 (7 sheets of drawings) have been amended.

Attachments: 7 replacement sheets of drawings.